

# HOME COMFORT PLUS BEAUTY REFLECTED BY PROPER USE OF FURNITURE

## TASTE REQUIRED IN SELECTION OF HOME FURNITURE

### Harmony and Cheer Obtained by Study of Color And Design.

## STUDY ESSENTIAL

### Women Must Not Go About Task in Haphazard Manner.

The woman who is deeply interested in making of the house her life in a place of real comfort and beauty sets about her work so earnestly and sincerely that in this day of general interest and discussion of the home and its making she has little difficulty in informing herself of the requirements of her particular house, says Good Furniture Service.

So much emphasis is laid on the proper attention to the architectural detail of the interior that she first assures herself of the period or school which the treatment of her rooms indicates and from which she receives the inspiration necessary to enable her to proceed intelligently to fit her home. As she takes it room by room, either under the suggestion and guidance of her architect, her decorator, or on her own responsibility, she will, in making the full decorative scheme, find it necessary in some degree to visualize the completed plan of furnishing and decorating. For example, hall, living-room, dining-room, library, or whatever the room allotted, the first floor space may be, must be considered relatively if, as is usually the case, the several rooms open into one another.

With this fact well in mind she will avoid the restless and warring effects likely to result when each room is treated independently. Then, with her color scheme in hand, illustrated for her by bits of wall covering or drapery material and a small panel of wood finished like the standing woodwork of her rooms, she may proceed systematically, from shop to shop, matching, trying, comparing, until she has her lighting, fixtures, draperies, rugs and finally her furniture located and mentally settled in the several rooms of her house, her little notebook showing carefully marked inventories of each complete room in the furnished and decorated home-to-be.

If she has the slightest doubt of her ability to thus select and arrange the environment in which she and her household must live, she will do well to take her problem to some experienced consultant and, by laying the uncertainties before his or her professional eye, obtain commendation or the suggestion of such eliminations and changes as will lead her scheme more nearly to her ideal than she alone has been able to bring it. Frequently she will find just this service fully supplied to her by the shop from which she makes her purchases, and as there are few of us who are not at least remotely related to the Missouriian who favored the Missouriian place customer who can see the several pieces of furniture assembled as she will have them, can more readily reach a definite conclusion.

## BUILT-IN-STYLE IS GREATLY IN FAVOR

### New Home Owners Desire Space to Inset Some Furnishings.

Both architects and home builders are coming more and more to realize the value of built-in furniture. The architect realizes that it gives a certain finish to the house. The chief built-in is the cabinet partition between kitchen and dining room. This very often comprises the entire wall. It is both artistic and convenient. It saves the maid or housewife many steps a day. The glass paneled doors open from the kitchen. Food may be served in the kitchen and placed through the cabinet into the dining room. Likewise, the dishes and food may be removed from the table and placed through the cabinet into the kitchen. When the doors are closed the cabinet makes a perfectly good china closet.

The next most popular built-in is the bookcase. Many builders place bookshelves about the house. Little built-in readily lends itself to room decoration as curtains are often hung in front of it which may be drawn over the bookcase.

Fireless built-ins are increasing in all the newer houses. The "inglenook" may have a long built-in bench or two side built-in chairs, with ordinary built-in cupboards.

For the bedroom, built-in dressing tables and dressers are increasing in popularity. The clever architect can have several convenient cupboards about the house. Little corner colonial cupboards with a hooded top are in especial favor.

## Thermometer Is Needed in Homes To Maintain Heat

The thermometer is the home fuel-using guide and it is to the coal conserver what the speedometer is to the auto driver. In other words, it indicates your speed in your coal consumption and is therefore one of the most indispensable furnishings of the home and office. Ignorance or negligence seems to be the excuse for its absence, as the price for a fairly reliable instrument for indoor use is well within the limit of everybody's pocketbook.

The human body is a very unreliable instrument to depend upon for judging such subtle things as the temperature of rooms.

The limits of range in temperature within which living rooms can be kept in comfortable condition are very narrow, as few people with ordinary clothing on can be comfortable in a room where the temperature is above 75 or below 65 degrees, so that a range of variation of more than 10 degrees results in a room becoming either too warm or too cold.

## Home Efficiency Gained By Study

### Woman Expert on Home Tells Of Task Confronting Housewife.

Household efficiency, declares a woman who is regarded as an authority on the subject, consists of studying each motion that goes into every bit of housework until one has developed a standard and most economical way to do every task. Then the housekeeper should arrange a working schedule for each day, asserts this home engineer, as she styles herself.

The next step is to study the arrangement of the kitchen, the work shop of the home, as the final step is the selection of the most efficient tools.

Each kind of work has its own special tools. They should be grouped together to save steps and time. Utensils and electrical appliances should be selected because they fill a real need, are well made, are easy to keep clean, are proper material for the purpose intended and are good looking in appearance.

Household labor savers should fit naturally into one or more of the following classes: Labor savers, time savers, step savers and drudge emancipators. The electric clothes and dishwashers are examples of the latter, the electric cleaner is a time saver and the electric iron is a step saver.

## MUST CO-OPERATE IN BUILDING HOME

### Artist and Owner Should Have One Aim for Erection.

What of the interior decorator? Shall he be the cause of the decorative effect when the building of the home announces that the ceilings, walls and floors are finished until the last tint has been applied and every piece of furniture in its place?

Or shall he act the accommodative gentleman and follow the owner's taste in every detail?

Neither attitude will result in satisfaction to the owner of the home or to the creator of its interior," says a leading interior decorator who has planned and executed the furnishings of some of the most pretentious homes in Washington.

"The owner of his home is entitled to his own ideas in its furnishings as long as they harmonize with the surroundings and are in accord with present day modes and utility. His is the pleasure of possession and of living day in and day out amid these surroundings.

"As a matter of fact he will in the end have his own way about how his home shall be furnished. If he is pleased with the interior artist's work, all is well, but if he is disappointed, there is trouble. The artist is more apt to be dissatisfied, if the decorator has followed the owner's desires in every detail. Later the client finds that the plan is unsuited to the particular type of home.

"The only satisfactory arrangement is a complete co-ordination of the owner's desire for a definite result, whether this be for comfort, dignity, elegance or a combination of all, with the artistic foresight and experience of his decorator. In this way each has a part in the creation of a scheme upon which both are agreed.

## GERMANTOWN BANK ELECTS DIRECTORS

GERMANTOWN, Md., June 3.—The stockholders of the State Bank soon to be established here have elected these directors: Andrew H. Baker, William A. Waters, John A. Stover, Thomas C. Darby, Oscar A. Gillingham, William Waters, A. B. Selby, Norman W. Waters, Charles T. Johnson, H. Clyde Humphrey, E. Dorsey King, E. Maurice Beall, Smith Hoyle, Charles Boyer, Harry L. Watkins, J. Wellington Boyer, Charles E. King and Upton D. Nourse.

The directors elected these officers: President, Andrew H. Baker; vice president, William A. Waters; cashier, John A. Stover.

The capital stock of the institution will be \$50,000. Erection of a building will be proceeded with at once. It is planned to start business about September 1.

## Arlington Marriage Licenses.

CLARENDON, Va., June 3.—The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk during the past week: Clinton Owen Jenkins to Frances India Hartman, Cherrydale; Frank Bell to Susie A. Drainville, Cherrydale; Floyd D. Burleigh to Muriel M. Sharp, Ballston; Burrell H. Coburn to Nora Virginia Bailey, Arlington County.

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## GIRL BRIDES CAN FURNISH HOMES BY OWN EFFORTS

### Desire of Maids for Nest Like Parents Halts Many Couples.

The high cost of buying and furnishing a home is said to be the reason so many home-yearning and home-loving young people stand at the gate of their dream garden, not daring to lift the latch and step across the sill.

The old-fashioned way of planning and saving for the little home nest together seems to have lost its potent charm. Men say it is because modern girls want to begin life where their parents left off, and girls say they can earn as good a home as most men can offer them. So it is left to the innocent bystander to judge which is right.

If a home is worth having at all it is worth sacrificing some of the whims we may have treasured. If it means no more than a passing fancy, we have failed to grasp its meaning.

One clever girl's fiancé had saved enough to buy a lot in a desirable section of a nearby suburban town, and just enough to build a bungalow thereon, but then his funds were gone. So the girl stepped in. She designed all the built-in furniture and made the furniture herself. She also selected all the quaint draperies to be used and decorated her own china.

In addition to this work she made a few special bridal "hope chests" for an exclusive shop at a price which enabled her to pay for all of her own materials.

She bought simple rag rugs that were to do duty until better ones could be purchased.

Meanwhile her fiancé spent all of his free hours in finishing painting all of his own woodwork. He ceased his law studies and prepared the little lawn and garden for early spring planting.

One old friend gave them a modern linen chest, another gave them two comfortable chairs. The needed garden tools were purchased at a local auction. Each week \$10 is being expended on kitchen and necessary household equipment.

## ART IN CHOOSING DRAPERY FABRICS

### Principles of Combination Should Be Observed in Furnishing.

Those careful souls who would never dream of keeping their pet Angora and Pekinese in the same cage, or who quail at the sight of a mahogany armchair next to a walnut settee, often use no shade of discretion in the combination of drapery fabrics.

Most home furnishers have learned the principle of color combination in draperies fairly well, but fabrics of utterly estranged families are only too frequently found pushed into intimacy, willy-nilly.

There is only one rule to observe as regards the choice of drapery fabric combinations. Just remember that "like attracts like." The next step is to decide what "like" things are in the fabric realm.

Richness of texture is one criterion. Satin and chiffon are a good combination, but cretonne and chiffon are not. Neither are satin and taffeta a good combination, because neither offset the other. Both are stiff, heavy fabrics. Velvet over curtains with ruffled chiffon under curtains make a splendid type of drapery combination.

Silk over curtains demand a fine net or gauze underneath. Some furnishers try silk combination with cretonne or cotton scrim but the result is only a cheap effect. Light sunfast does not combine with glazed chintz. Chintz is good with a cotton velvet, heavy satin, or a good sateen with a sheen.

Silk velvet may be used with a fine linen and cretonne may be used with a cotton velvet. Rep combine well with cretonne as does a fine scrim.

Here are the rules in general: Combine heavy, medium and light weight fabrics if they have something in common as regards the tissue of weave.

## Period Styles Used to Make Homes Lovely

The subject of period styles in furniture admittedly is becoming more and more vital and a powerful influence in engineering a more general understanding and appreciation on the part of the people of this country.

There is no question as to the willingness of the manufacturer and the dealer to join in the concerted movement to foster good taste and real appreciation of fitness and color harmony in home-making, or rather to broaden and amplify what already has been so well started.

The desired result cannot be obtained by separate efforts. First must come the architect, who visualizes and interprets and then provides concrete form. Dovetailing into this expression of utility and art comes the work of the interior decorator, who must first provide the framework of all ceiling and floor decorations, to supply background, foundation and atmosphere for rugs, furniture and ornaments of each room, according to its intended purpose.

Refinement in living and in the home is in direct ratio with education and comparative prosperity. In this country poverty is only a relative term, save in individual instances. Usually it is at most a temporary condition. Because of this fact there is a constant changing from obscurity to success.

## Styles Kitchen Most Important Part of Houses

Probably every other room in the home is furnished in perfect detail, but if the kitchen is neglected your entire scheme has proven a failure. After the household duties are over what then?

Hours of pleasurable recreation or hours of fatigue?

There are so many labor saving devices for the kitchen it doesn't seem necessary to mention them here, yet we wonder how many of them you have in your own home. Take, for instance, the kitchen cabinet, with its many labor saving devices; the combination range, practical, convenient, economical; the electric washing machine, and many other electrical devices that are saving women's energy and at the same time reducing household expenses.

Sanitary refrigerators and the pretty patterns in linoleums add to the pleasure of keeping house. Still there are many other articles that are employed to eliminate drudgery and promote household efficiency. For instance, the electric vacuum cleaner, the electric sewing machine, the electric iron, and hundreds of others too numerous to mention.

## KIDDIES' ROOMS ONE OF LARGEST NEEDS IN HOMES

### Children Should Have Own Corner to Develop Real Personality.

Have you a child's room in your home?

If you have not and yet have the kiddie, you are doing both yourself and the youngster an injury. The kiddie needs a room or corner all his very own to help him develop traits of real personality. The child with a room is the child whose sense of responsibility is fostered by the room. He is the one whose imagination has a quiet place wherein to thrive, and most of all, if the room is right, the child has a chance to sleep in the principles of real beauty and fitness.

The mother needs the room to spare the other rooms. She is freed from the sense of nagging her youngster. Her feeling of the untidiness of playthings about the room is often balanced by a feeling of tenderness for the child. She knows that he must have playthings, and yet what will callers say about those blocks all over the house?

Many mothers feel that they cannot buy a complete child's set for the room, and yet why should not the child set be as essential as the guest room set? In time it will. Meanwhile, if economy is necessary, adult furnishings can be given a certain juvenile knock with color and design. Nursery paper is a small but essential item. The room or corner itself is the big thing.

However, if you can begin at the very bottom you will find the storehouse of furnishings which the kiddie will love and which are ideally suited to him.

The furnishing should be as simple as a baby's dress. Remember that your child's character will be formed by the things and people about him in his earliest days. Give him plenty of sunlight with simple light curtains, light walls, with touch of color in the border, a big cretonne-covered window box, where he can keep his playthings and simple little chairs, table, bed and desk. If the child is very small rubber domes upon the furniture which will keep it from sliding and tipping are very good.

**To Clean Ivory.**  
When ivory ornaments become yellow or dusky, wash them well in warm water and ivory soap. Use a small brush, an old toothbrush will answer the purpose to clean the carvings, and then place them while wet in the sunshine.

## CHEERFUL DESIGNS FOR GUEST ROOM NEEDED IN HOME

### Hospitality Is Keynote in Furnishing Chamber For Sojourners.

A guestroom, properly furnished to make a guest comfortable and welcome is looked upon as an essential feature of every American home. This is in theory, says Good Furniture Service. In actual practice, a guestroom is too often not a source of unalloyed comfort to the guest, occupying it, not because of any inhospitality on the part of the host or hostess, but because the furnishing has not always been done in a thoughtful way. Thoughtfulness, rather than large expenditure, is the key to success in making ready a guestroom, and the following memoranda are designed as memory jogs for the housekeeper thus occupied.

It will prove desirable, almost without exception, to have the walls and woodwork of the guestroom light. It will always look fresher and cleaner and the light tones are cheerful. The color of the walls will, of course, depend largely upon the exposure, but cool colors will be found generally preferable, as they make the room appear more spacious. The pattern of the wallpaper, if a figured paper is used in preference to a plain paper, or a paper with self-toned stripe or "powder" pattern, should be unobtrusive.

There is nothing more annoying than to wake in the morning and find your eye doing zig-zags and circles or other contortions, trying to keep pace with the procession of the restless wall paper designs.

## CLARENDON Teachers To Be Given Reception

CLARENDON, Va., June 3.—Rev. W. A. Morgan, of the Mount Pleasant Congregational Church, will be the principal speaker at the reception to be given to the teachers of the Clarendon School by the Patrons' League on Tuesday night. A musical program has been arranged. Bishop William Cabell Brown of the Diocese of Virginia will visit St. George's Episcopal Church Monday night to confirm a large class, including a number of adults.

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